

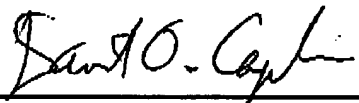
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REMARKS

Applicant replies to the Office Action dated December 21, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected pending claims 1-123 and 158-159 as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. §251. Specifically, the Examiner states "a new declaration is required which addresses rationale for submitting the new method and system claims, in addition to the newly submitted article of manufacture claims." Applicant submits a newly executed Declaration with this Reply that addresses the Examiner's rejection. As discussed with the Examiner in a telephone interview on January 18, 2006, the new Declaration is acceptable in overcoming the basis of rejection in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-123 and 158-159 under 35 U.S.C. §251.

Applicant notes that in the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 1-123 and 158-159 contain allowable subject matter, and that the above rejection will be withdrawn upon appropriate correction of the declaration. Therefore, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and earnestly request a Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience. No new matter is added in this Reply. Reconsideration of the application is thus requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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